GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN PASSENGERS AFTER ALLIANCE AIR CRASH
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been steep decline in the number of passengers after the Alliance Air crash at Patna recently; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to dispel the fears of passengers and pilots about public airlines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): There has not been a steep decline in Indian Airlines passenger carriage (excluding Alliance Air) after the Alliance Air crash. The passenger carriage of all airlines drop during these months being the lean period. The average number of passengers on the Alliance Air network was 3160 per day in the fortnight 18.7.200031.7.2000 as compared to average passengers travelling per day at 4350 prior to the crash of aircraft VT-EGD at Patna. The passenger carriage has now improved to 3595 per day in the week 8-14th August, 2000.

(b): Alliance Air craft are maintained as per the schedule of maintenance prescribed and approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

The maintenance schedule of Alliance Air have been put on the internet for greater transparency and to evoke public confidence.